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SUBJECT: LONDON OBSERVER'S ARTICLES ON GREECE JULY 1
AND JULY 8

1. WE HAVE SEEN FOLEY ARTICLE ON GREECE OF JULY 1 AS WELL
AS MILLINSHIP REPORT FROM WASHINGTON PUBLISHED JULY 8.
TO FURTHER CLARIFY RECORD ON CIA INVOLVEMENT WITH PRESENT
GREEK REGIME, REQUEST YOU MAKE AVAILABLE TO OBSERVER
STATEMENT ISSUED JULY 10 BY SENATOR SYMINGTON AS ACTING
CHAIRMAN, SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE:

2. QUOTE:

THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE
ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE TOOK TESTIMONY TODAY FROM
MR. WILLIAM E. COLBY, PRESIDENT NIXON'S NOMINEE TO BE
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE QUESTIONED MR. COLBY ABOUT
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THE CIA BUDGET AND ABOUT PROGRAMS EMBRACED IN THE PROPOSED

BUDGET. HE TESTIFIED CANDIDLY WITH RESPECT TO THESE MATTERS WHICH ARE CLASSIFIED.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO FOLLOW UP ON CERTAIN MATTERS DISCUSSED BY MR. COLBY WHEN

HE TESTIFIED BEFORE THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AT A PUBLIC HEARING ON HIS NOMINATION ON MONDAY, JULY 2.

IN THAT DISCUSSION, MR. COLBY AGAIN STATED THAT THE CIA DID NOT, AS RECENTLY REPORTED, ENGINEER THE 1967 MILITARY COUP IN GREECE. HE SAID COLONEL GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS WAS NOT AFFILIATED WITH CIA IN ANY WAY.

MR. COLBY FURTHER STATED: "THE CIA NEVER PAID MR. PAPADOPOULOS ANY MONEY. THE ONLY ASSOCIATION THE AGENCY EVER HAD WITH MR. PAPADOPOULOS OF ANY KIND WAS IN HIS CAPACITY AS AN OFFICER OF THE GREEK INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, WITH WHICH WE HAVE MAINTAINED A LIAISON RELATIONSHIP SINCE THE GREEK CIVIL WAR IN THE LATE 1940'S."

MR. COLBY STATED THAT HE WILL BE HAPPY TO TESTIFY WHENEVER THE COMMITTEE OR THE SUBCOMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT HE DO SO. END QUOTE. ROGERS

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